## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

## PROCESS BY WHICH NAMES ARE PERIODICALLY AND RANDOMLY DRAWN FOR THE COURT'S MASTER WHEEL AND FOR SUMMONSING OF GRAND AND PETIT JURORS

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1861, "all litigants in Federal courts entitled to trial by jury shall have the right to grand and petit juries selected at random from a fair cross section of the community in the district or division wherein the court convenes." The court uses a two-step process to select jurors. First, a master jury wheel is created by transferring names of district residents from the Virginia State Board of Elections' names of registered voters, as maintained in the books, lists, or automated voter registration systems of each county and city within the district. Then, names are randomly drawn periodically from the master jury wheel to receive juror qualification questionnaires. Individuals' answers to these questionnaires determine whether they are legally qualified to serve. If so, the names of those persons are put in a second wheel, a qualified jury wheel. As prospective jurors are needed for a petit term or grand jury, juror summonses are sent to persons randomly selected from the qualified wheel. All of these selections are carried out through a properly programmed electronic data processing system for pure randomized selection. The pure randomized process ensures that the mathematical odds of any single name being picked are substantially equal.

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